

Application No.: 10/706,151

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REMARKS

Claims 14-31 were pending in the present application. By virtue of this response, claims 14-31 have been cancelled, and new claims 32-37 have been added. Accordingly, claims 32-37 are currently under consideration. Cancellation of certain claims is not to be construed as a dedication to the public of any of the subject matter of the claims as previously presented. No new matter has been added.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 14-18 and 24-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-7 of prior U.S. Patent No. 6,678,675.

In response, Claims 14-18 and 24-31 have been canceled.

Claims 19-23

Examiner rejected Claims 19-23 but provided no reason for the rejection. Claims 19-23 have been canceled.

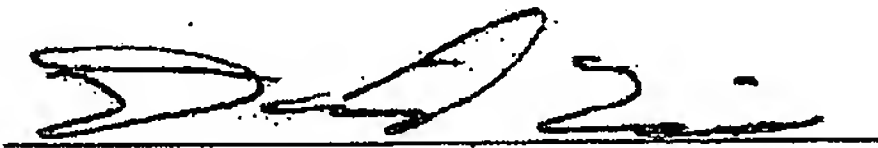
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CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejections and pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

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